

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hillcrest High School GREENVILLE COUNTY

Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,078

Principal: Stephen Chamness Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylors

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.ed.sc.gov and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Α	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	С	N/A
2012	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	С	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	4	0	0	0

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS **High Schools with Our High School Students Like Ours** 2013 2014 2013 2014 Passed 2 subtests (%) 81.0% 83.8% 86.1% 83.2% 14.0% 11.9% Passed 1 subtest (%) 9.4% 11.9% Passed no subtests (%) 5.0% 4.3% 5.0% 5.6%

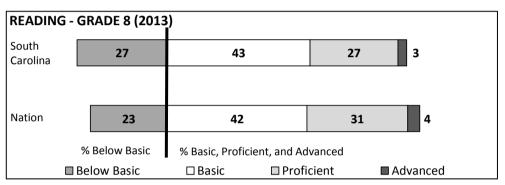
HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014				
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Passage Rate	92.1%	95.4%		

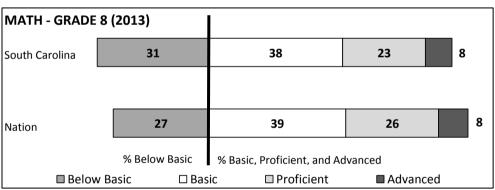
ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE				
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Number of students	526	341		
Number of diplomas	432	286		
Rate (%)	82.1%	85.1%		

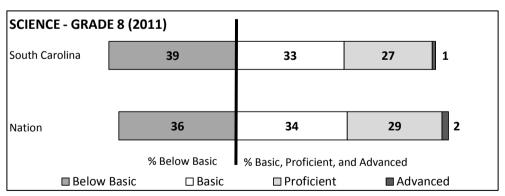
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014				
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	81.7%	85.6%		
English 1	83.8%	76.2%		
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	87.8%	85.0%		
US History and the Constitution	79.2%	72.3%		
All Tests	83.2%	80.4%		

NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.







SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Hillcrest High School GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL PROFILE

High Schools Median High Change from Last Our School with Students School Year Like Ours Students (n = 2,078)2.2% Down from 4.2% 2.0% 3.0% **Retention Rate** 94.3% Up from 92.9% 96.3% 96.2% **Attendance Rate** 25.6% Up from 18.7% 27.1% 17.7% Served by gifted and talented program With disabilities 9.3% Down from 9.7% 9.8% 11.5% Down from 6.6% 5.3% 7.1% Older than usual for grade 5.7% Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent 0.7% No change 0.9% 1.1% and/or criminal offenses 15.4% Enrolled in AP/IB programs 40.4% Up from 35.4% 24.5% 52.8% Successful on AP/IB exams 39.6% Down from 46.0% 54.2% Eligible for LIFE Scholarship 37.4% Down from 60.8% 33.5% 30.6% Career/technology students in co-curricular 18.7% Up from 13.9% 6.4% 5.3% organizations Enrollment in career/technology courses 1174 423 Down from 1211 786 90.7% Career/technology students attaining technical skills Up from 89.4% 86.1% 84.5% Annual dropout rate 2.0% Down from 3.2% 2.0% 2.1% Teachers (n = 107)65.4% 64.9% 64.3% Teachers with advanced degrees Up from 64.4% Continuing contract teachers 78.5% Down from 88.5% 78.5% 77.3% 91.2% 86.8% 85.5% Teachers returning from previous year No change Teacher attendance rate 94.8% Down from 95.1% 95.8% 95.5% \$48,676 Down 0.4% \$49,143 \$48,414 Average teacher salary* Classes not taught by higly qualified teachers 0.7% Down from 2.9% 1.4% 3.0% Professional development days/teacher 9.4 days Down from 10.0 days 9.8 days 10.0 days Principal's years at school 11.0 Up from 10.0 4.0 3.0 26.0 to 1 30.2 to 1 Down from 31.9 to 1 27.9 to 1 Student-teacher ratio in core subjects 88.1% Up from 87.2% 90.7% 90.3% Prime instructional time Dollars spent per pupil** \$6,461 Up 21.1% \$7,135 \$8,238 Percent expenditures for teacher salaries** 60.2% Up from 60.0% 59.6% 56.9% Percent of expenditures for instruction** 61.1% Up from 61.0% 60.0% 58.0% Opportunities in the arts Excellent No change Excellent Excellent Yes SACS accreditation Yes No change Yes 35.4% 98.8% 98.7% Parents attending conferences Down from 96.6% Average No change Good Good Character development program 89.5 91.4 84.1 ESEA composite index score Up from 71.1

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	81	259	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.1%	62.5%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.8%	63.8%	61.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.2%	78.3%	65.3%

^{*} Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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Abbreviations Key N/R-Not Reported

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For almost sixty years, Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn Community. Hillcrest is proud of its students and faculty and their accomplishments. Hillcrest High teachers are highly qualified in their subject area. Many of our teachers hold masters degrees, masters plus thirty, as well as additional degree certifications such as National Board, Advanced Placement, and Gifted and Talented. The quality of teachers at Hillcrest is shown in the increase of scores in 2012-13 Algebra I, Biology I, English I and US History End-of-Course passing rates. Algebra I, Biology I, and English I passage rates jumped into the high 80 percentages with English being the second highest passage rate in the district. In addition, the graduation rate rose to 79.3%. Hillcrest High School received and Excellent rating for both its Absolute Rating and Growth Rating on the 2013 School Report Card.

Hillcrest offers a continuum of opportunities for its students beginning with the Freshman Academy for firstyear ninth grade students. The Academy offers a separate location for all freshmen core classes. For the second time, the Academy held a Freshman Day prior to the start of school. Approximately 400 of our new ninth grade students attended this event making it a great success. They toured the building, met their teachers, heard about clubs and athletic opportunities and even learned cheers. The teachers in the Academy meet regularly to plan activities and monitor the progress of our freshmen.

Hillcrest offers a variety of opportunities for student involvement. Hillcrest has a Speech and Debate program that continuously have district, state and national winners. Hillcrest's Fine Arts Department is also a leader in our school district. Nine of the eighteen Greenville County School District students chosen for All State Chorus came from Hillcrest High School. Hillcrest also has one of the top athletic programs in the state with 22 varsity and 24 Sub Varsity teams that are consistently some of the top athletic teams in our state. In addition, Hillcrest offers the following clubs to students: Academic Team, Beta Club, Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Freshman Pride and others.

Students at Hillcrest High have opportunities to demonstrate goodwill and leadership. Once again, our student body in partnership with the community raised nearly \$78,000 in one week in support the Neuro Center of the Greenville Hospital System. Students are also active in other charities such as hosting food drives and natural disaster relief for various areas in need. The local community strongly supports Hillcrest High School in these endeavors. The Greenhouse Industries program at Hillcrest sponsors plant sales throughout the year, offering studentgrown plants and flowers to the public. The program has earned over \$20,000 since its inception and is recognized by the state as an exemplary program.

Our Guidance Department works with students and parents to ensure students' needs are met and that students are on track for graduation. Counselors meet annually with students to develop and review each student's Individual Graduation Plan. Through interest assessments, job shadowing, work-site visits, and career speakers, students evaluate their career interests. The Career Development Facilitator provides various

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

^{**}Prior year audited financial data available.